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Mr. Maurice Bisgyer
 Executive Vice President
 B'nai B'rith
 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N. W.
 Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bisgyer:

Thank you for your letter of 1 October which was awaiting me on my return from a recent trip through the Far North.

I am most appreciative of your kind invitation to attend the awards dinner honoring General David Sarnoff. Unfortunately I have an official engagement of long standing on Tuesday evening, 10 November, which is impossible for me to change. I regret not being able to be present on this occasion, for General Sarnoff is both a very close friend and a man whose achievements I greatly admire.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
 Director

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The Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

It is my privilege to extend to you the cordial invitation of the Board of Governors of B'nai B'rith to participate as a distinguished guest at an awards dinner honoring General David Sarnoff, Chairman of the Board of Radio Corporation of America.

In recognition of his many creative and enduring achievements of a public nature contributing to the welfare of the American community, B'nai B'rith, our nation's oldest voluntary service organization, will pay tribute to General Sarnoff on Tuesday evening, November 10, 1959 at the Waldorf Astoria in New York.

He will receive the B'nai B'rith President's Medal, joining such illustrious persons as President Eisenhower, former President Harry Truman, Bernard Baruch and Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, each of whom was similarly cited by the 500,000 members of B'nai B'rith.

I am confident that you share our appreciation of General Sarnoff's services to his countrymen. B'nai B'rith therefore looks forward to having you, together with Mrs. Dulles, join the many distinguished personalities in government, education, industry and community service who will be with us to honor a worthy American.

I anticipate, with much personal pleasure, word of your acceptance.

Sincerely,

Maurice Bisgter
Executive Vice President

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles:

Stan Grogan recommends that you accept
this invitation.


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